

MD EHDI Advisory Council Minutes

July 17, 2014

Approved by Council

Continued Business

Membership Update

- ❖ Lisa Kornberg is our newest appointed board member. She represents the Governor's Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Her term began July 1, 2014
- ❖ Dr. Deborah Badawi will be serving as The Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics EHDI Chapter Champion. The Chapter Champion serves as a liaison to the medical professionals.

Co-Chairperson

- ❖ Claire Buxton and Wanda Hoshina were nominated. The voting will be done by email and Tanya Green will set it up.

Re-Cap of 2014 MD EHDI Stakeholders Meeting

- ❖ This was the largest attended Stakeholders meeting to date. The two speakers were Dr. Yoshinaga-Itano and Dr. Benedict. The overall response of the meeting was positive. That was reflected in the evaluation forms.
- ❖ The 2015 Stakeholders Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2015 at the Hearing and Speech Agency and they have two speakers confirmed. Dr. Howard Francis from the Listening Center and Mary Pat Moeller from Boys Town National Research Hospital will be next year's presenters.
- ❖ Tanya Green stated that The Parent Connections Program wasn't included in the funding of the new HRSA Grant. Cheri Dowling will still receive funding (provided to the Parents Place of Maryland by the Office for Genetics and People with Special Healthcare Needs/DHMH) for her position but not at the same level of funding. Also the Stakeholders Meeting was funded through the same HRSA Grant and that funding was also cut. The Office for Genetics was able to come up with additional funding for the Stakeholders Meeting. She stated that there were some concerns that there was not enough diversity in terms of the views that was presented by Dr. Benedict. Some participants felt like it was not the appropriate venue for her type of message and they

opposed her views. She has also received a surge of people wanting to collaborate with The MD EHDI Program as a result of the Stakeholders Meeting.

- ❖ Lisa Kornberg also recommended that we include someone who was a strong advocate from the deaf culture perspective. She says we should include the deaf community. Deaf parents of deaf children aren't represented in the work we do.

Senate Bill 103

- ❖ Senate Bill 103 became effective July 1, 2014. Tanya reviewed Bill 103.

Regulation Revision

- ❖ Senate Bill 103 allows DHMH to adopt regulations for all hearing testing results, hearing screenings and reporting procedures for hospitals, birthing sites and audiologist. The original statute only required the birth hospitals in Maryland to report to the state. The regulations are more specific than the statute and can be revised on a more frequent basis as things change. The regulations are currently being reviewed within DHMH. The anticipated proposal printing is August 22, 2014. The common review period is one month and will end September 22, 2014. The effective target date is November 10, 2014.

CDC Grant

- ❖ Funds the MD EHDI database. The previous grant ended June 30, 2014. Notice of the new award was received. The grant starts on July 1, 2014 and runs to June 30, 2015.

HRSA Grant

- ❖ Still waiting to hear from HRSA to see if we will receive the award. The current grant ends August 31, 2014.

Report on MD EHDI Follow-up Stats

- ❖ For future council meetings, the MD EHDI follow-up stats report will include year to date follow-up stats for the current year and will also include a report on 1-3-6 data. Prior year stats will not be included.

Parent Connections

- ❖ Parent Connections will be hosting a Family Play date at South Germantown Splash Park on August 20, 2014

New Business

Letterhead

- ❖ Tanya will follow up to see if what DHMH's procedure is for the creation of council letterhead.

New Council Member Orientation

- ❖ It is proposed that the council create a packet of information to update and assist new members. This packet will assist and clarify information to new members about the councils' responsibility.

Work Group Assignments

Protocols Work Group-Kathleen Heck, Sue Griebler, Claire Buxton, Louize Colodzin, Ruth Marin

BY Laws Work Group-Lisa Kornberg, Jennifer Reesman

Communication Work Group-Olga Polites, Judith Black, Jennifer Reesman, Sue Griebler

- ❖ Tanya Green will follow up by email with the volunteers on these work groups.

New Meeting Schedule

4 working meetings from 12:30-2:30 at the Hearing and Speech Agency (Park in the rear lot)

October 16, 2014

January 15, 2015

March 19, 2015

July 16, 2015

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting Attendees

Olga Polites

Jennifer Reesman Ph.D.

Claire Buxton Au.D.

Kathleen Heck Ph.D.

Dawn Marsiglia

Alysia Horne

Racheal Leppo

Cheri Dowling

Deborah Marquez

Robin Kettelman

Callie Ellis

Judith Black

Lisa Kornberg

Brian Reilly –

teleconferenced

Sue Griebler